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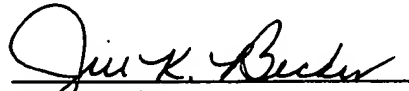
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Serial No.: 09/584,259 Group Art Unit: 2155  
Filed: 05/31/00 Examiner: Young N. Won  
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This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action  
mailed October 19, 2005 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the  
Office Action was initially due on or before January 19, 2006, and thus, a Request For  
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**Amendments to claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.